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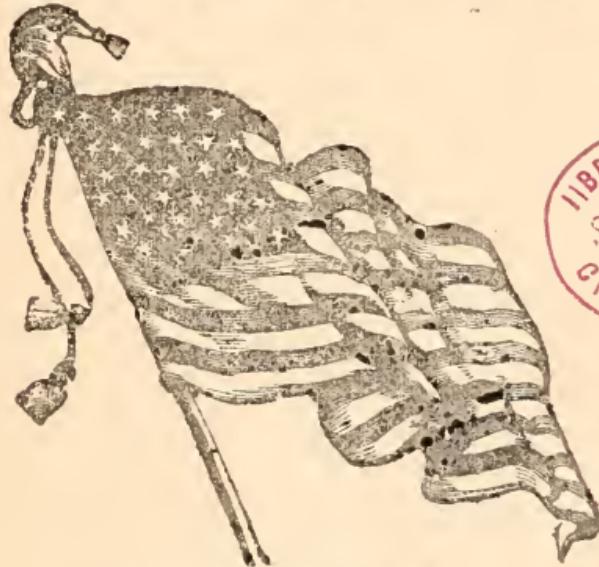
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Honor to the Flag

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RITUAL
—FOR THE—
GRAND ARMY SALUTE



TO THE FLAG.

Dedicated to the

**GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC and its AUX-
ILIARIES,** by

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 In the hope and with the expectation
that this "Salute" may find a welcome in Grand Army circles and be the means of promoting a love of Country and reverence for our Country's Flag, and securing renewed interest in the meetings of the Fraternities which may adopt it, this Ritual is dedicated in F. C. and L. to the Grand Army of the Republic and its several auxiliaries, by

THE AUTHOR.



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Grand Army Salute to the Flag.

(The Colors being previously placed at the right of the Adjutant's desk)—

COMMANDER—The Color Sergeant will approach the Altar.

(Color Sergeant approaches the altar and salutes.)—

Sergeant, you will place the Colors in position for the Grand Army Salute.

(As Sergeant approaches the flag)—

CHAPLAIN—Now lift ye up a standard among the people.

(Three raps—Sergeant takes the flag and marches slowly around the hall, twice if necessary, while all sing)—

O, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the
perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming;

(May be omitted.)

(And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in
air

Gave proof through the night that our flag was
still there,))

O, say does the Star Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave?

(Sergeant places the Colors before the Altar)—

COMMANDER—Sergeant what is this emblem
you have reared before the Altar?

COLOR SERGEANT—'Tis the Flag of our
Country, Ensign of Liberty, Red, White
and Blue.

COMMANDER—As it consists of three colors,
it hath therefore a triple significance... Senior
Vice Commander, what does the Red
represent?

SEN. VICE COMMANDER—Fraternity. As the
sun rises red in the east at early morn,
giving light and warmth to all, so should
Fraternity enlighten all minds and warm
all hearts into one common brotherhood,
but more especially members of the
Grand Army of the Republic (and their
auxiliaries.)

COMMANDER—Chaplain, what signifies the
white?

CHAPLAIN—Charity. White has ever been

considered an emblem of Purity, and there is nothing purer in earth or heaven than Charity, representing as it does the love of a mother for her child, the patriot for his country, and the Universal Father for the children of men.

COMMANDER—Junior Vice Commander, how do you interpret the Blue?

JUN. VICE COMMANDER—By Loyalty. True Blue is an idiom as old as the language we speak. As the soldiers of the Republic were true to their convictions of duty in responding to their Country's call; and as they wore the Blue as their distinguishing garb; so did their Loyalty sustain them through all their service and their sacrifice till Victory perched upon their banner and crowned their valor with returning Peace.

COMMANDER—Comrades, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, each for each color, thrice hail to the Flag. Together

ALL— One, Two, Three, Hail,
Red, White, Blue, Hail,
Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty, Hail.

(This Salute is executed by bringing the right hand smartly to left breast, at "One," to the fore-

head at "Two," extending the arm at length horizontally at "Three," and dropping hand to the side at "Hail," repeating same motions for the other triplets. At each "Hail" the Flag should be slightly elevated.)

COMMANDER—Sergeant, what is the interpretation of these mystic signs?

COLOR SERGEANT—

(Changing position to right of flag, going slowly through the signs and adapting the words to the motions.)

With the heart and with the mind will
I honor the Flag and with this right arm
will I defend it.

ALL SING—

And the Star Spangled Banner,
O, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free,
And the home of the brave.

CHAPLAIN—And let all the people say—

ALL—Amen.

(Dip the flag at the Amen.)

(As the Chaplain utters the above words, all extend and raise right arm to an angle of forty-five degrees with the palm of hand drooping; at the Amen turn palm and eyes upward, then dropping hand to side. One rap—or if the salute is given at the opening of the Post, the Chaplain's prayer may follow before changing position.)

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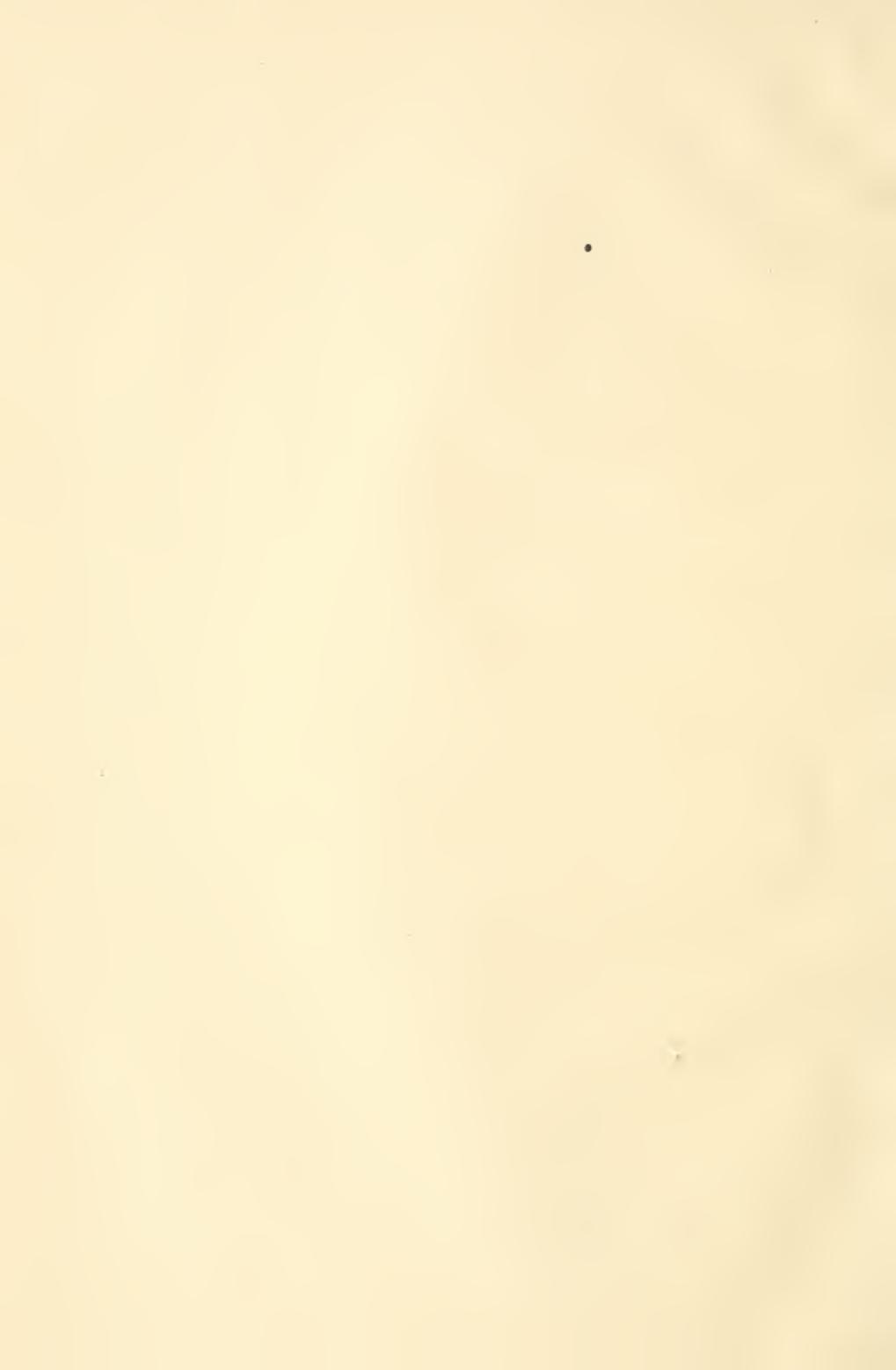
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